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5   **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
                   NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
6   **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

7   **IN RE NATIONAL SECURITY**   **MDL Docket No. 06-1791 (VRW)**
    AGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS
8   **RECORDS LITIGATION**   **PLAINTIFFS' ADMINISTRATIVE**
    ─────────────────────────────────   **MOTION TO APPEAR BY TELEPHONE**
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10 **This Document Relates To:**   [CIVIL L.R. 7-11]

11 *McMurray v. Verizon Comm., Inc.,* **No.**   Chief Judge Vaughn R. Walker
    09-cv-0131-VRW
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1   Now come the undersigned attorneys for the Plaintiffs in the above-captioned action who

2   respectfully move this Court for an order permitting Bruce I. Afran, Esq. to appear by telephone

3   on their behalf at the oral argument scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on June 3, 2009 on the Motions to

4   Dismiss of the Government Defendants (Dkt. No. 11 in 09-cv-0131) and the Carrier Defendants

5   (Dkt. No. 16 in 09-cv-0131). In support thereof, the undersigned state as follows.

6   The undersigned attorneys filed this action ("*McMurray* II") in the United States District

7   Court for the Southern District of New York. The undersigned filed with the Judicial Panel on

8   Multidistrict Litigation a Motion and Brief in Support to Vacate Conditional Transfer Order

9   CTO-7 conditionally transferring this action to this Court. The action was subsequently

10   transferred to this Court over Plaintiffs' objections.

11   The undersigned attorneys live and practice in New York, New Jersey, and Chicago.

12   The undersigned attorneys are representing the plaintiffs in this action on a *pro bono*

13   basis and do not have the resources to travel to San Francisco. This action seeks no monetary

14   damages. This is not a class action and the provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 do not apply.

15   **CERTIFICATION**

16   The undersigned attorneys certify that on May 26, 2009 they sent an e-mail message to

17   counsel for the Government and Carrier Defendants inquiring as to whether they would object to

18   the proposed relief.

19   The undersigned attorneys further certify that on May 27, 2009, counsel for the

20   Government indicated no objection to the proposed relief and that counsel for the carriers

21   indicated that they would not object provided that they, too, could appear by telephone.

22   Plaintiffs have no objection to this request.

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1   Dated: May 27, 2009   Respectfully submitted,
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                                                 By: __/s/ Steven E. Schwarz_____
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BY TELEPHONE. *MCMURRAY, ET AL. V. VERIZON*   3   MDL Docket No. 06-1791 VRW
COMMUNICATIONS, INC., ET AL., 09-CV-131.

1   **[PROPOSED] ORDER**

2   The administrative motion by plaintiffs for Bruce I. Afran to appear on their behalf by

3 telephone at the June 3, 2009 hearing is hereby GRANTED. Brian Boynton is also granted leave

4 to appear on behalf of defendant Verizon Communications Inc. by telephone and Eric A.

5 Shumsky is granted leave to appear by telephone on behalf of the AT&T and BellSouth

6 defendants. The clerk will contact these three attorneys by telephone immediately before the

7 hearing.

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10 IT IS SO ORDERED,

11 Dated: _____ , 2009

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14   Hon. Vaughn R. Walker

15   United States District Chief Judge

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

2   I, Steven E. Schwarz, an attorney, hereby certify that, on this 27th day of May, 2009, I

3 electronically filed and served the foregoing Administrative Motion to Appear by Telephone in

4 the above-captioned case using the CM/ECF system which will send via electronic mail copies to

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6 all attorneys who are registered users of that system.

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                             By: /s/ Steven E. Schwarz

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